

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 4. This sheet, which includes Fig. 4, replaces the original sheet including the same Figure.

The phrase “record stanting time” in step 403 in Fig. 4 has been amended to recite “record starting time.”

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-21, 23, 24 and 27-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 6-14, 18-21 and 23 have been amended, and claims 4, 5, 22 and 30 have been canceled by the present amendment. No new matter is added.

Drawings

Figure 4 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. In particular, the phrase "record stanting time" in step 403 in Fig. 4 has been amended to recite "record starting time." Applicant is concurrently submitting Replacement Drawing Sheets for the Examiner's approval, which corrects the typographical error.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 3, 6-9, 12-15, 19-24, 27 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Tsutsumi; claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Tsutsumi and Gates et al.; claims 4, 5, 18, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of McGee et al.; claims 11 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Tsutsumi, McGee et al., Clancy et al. and Nakajima et al.; and claims 10 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Thiagarajan et al. in view of Tsutsumi, McGee et al. and Clancy et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, among other features, "a controller configured to ... control to maintain identifying information of broadcasting programs other than a single broadcasting program and record the single broadcasting program in the storage medium if the user requests recording of more than one broadcasting programs at a same time." Independent claim 14 includes similar features in a varying scope. These features are supported at least by

paragraphs [0061], [0062] and [0080] of the specification. For example, paragraph [0080] of the specification describes “permitting to record two or more than two programs broadcasted within the same time band by writing one program while leaving the other program to fail writing.”

The Office Action states that Fig. 3 of Thiagarajan et al. teaches controlling reproduction of the broadcasting program stored in the storage medium in response to an external reproduction signal (see pages 3-4 of the Office Action). Thiagarajan et al. in Fig. 3 teaches that the client device 108 includes components to implement automatic program recording completion of an incomplete program recording (see also paragraph [0035] of Thiagarajan et al.). Thiagarajan et al. further teaches that data structure 400 includes completion events that each includes information to automatically complete an incomplete program recording of a program (see paragraph [0049] of Thiagarajan et al.).

However, although Thiagarajan et al. includes completion events, Thiagarajan et al. does not teach maintaining the identifying information of broadcasting programs other than a single broadcasting program and recording the single broadcasting program if the user requests recording of more than one broadcasting programs at a same time. Rather, Thiagarajan et al. teaches that a completion event can be created if a time difference between when the program broadcast started and when the incomplete program recording started is greater than a missed-recording time limit (see paragraph [0062] of Thiagarajan et al.). See also, e.g., paragraph [0063] of Thiagarajan et al. Nowhere does Thiagarajan et al. teach maintaining a completion event or any other identifying information of broadcasting programs other than a single broadcasting program and recording the single broadcasting program if the user requests recording of more than one broadcasting programs at a same time. Therefore, Thiagarajan et al. fails to teach or suggest these features recited in amended independent claims 1 and 14. Further, other cited references fail to overcome the deficiencies of Thiagarajan et al. Hence, the cited references fail to teach or suggest these features of amended independent claims 1 and 14.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 14, and each of the claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all of the claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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